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Sir:

Preliminary to the first examination of this continuation application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please add the following claims:

28. An electronic camera according to claim 24, 25 or 26,
wherein the subject state is subject brightness or contrast, and the
photographing state is a photographing state that a zooming ratio is adjusted, or
photographing at close range state, and the control means selects and controls, on
the basis of these, one of the first focusing means and the second focusing means.

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